III

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN OF SELECT COMMITTEES ON CERTAIN BILLS.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" As Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur has resigned the chairmanship of the select committee on the Indian Fisheries Act (Amendment) Bill, I hereby appoint Mr. C. E. Wood as the Chairman.

"I also appoint Mr. S. Satyamurti as the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Jain Succession Bill and Mr. Siva Rao as the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Village Officers Bill.

" As regards the Andhra University Act (Amendment) Bills for which the select committee was appointed yesterday, I think that I am included in the select committee with the object of having the select committee presided over by myself."

IV

ADJOURNMENT MOTION REGARDING KOILKUNTLA SHOOTING AFFAIR.

* Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" I beg leave to move under Standing Order 20 for an adjournment of the House to draw attention to the conduct of the police in the Koilkuntla shooting affair."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Will the hon. Member satisfy me as to how the matter is urgent and one of recent occurrence ? "

* Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" On the question of the matter being one of recent occurrence, I may be permitted to point out that the Council did not meet till August."

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" When did the event take place ? "

* Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" The event took place on the 5th of July 1927. I brought forward this issue for a special resolution. I was told that the matter was *sub judice*. As the restriction regarding matters *sub judice* holds good for adjournment motions also, I could not bring forward an adjournment motion then. The day before yesterday I renewed my application for leave to move a special resolution and I have received no intimation up to this moment. I have therefore considered it necessary to bring forward this motion for adjournment of the House to-day. That is with regard to the matter being of recent occurrence. As regards urgency, we heard the hon. the Law Member say that the District Court having delivered judgment, it is under the consideration of the Government. The shooting down of eight people where there were admittedly not more than 50 or 60 and where there were, admittedly again, not more than 28 old fashioned arms is not a matter that can be taken lightly by the Government."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is going into the merits of the case."

*Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : —" Sir, I am only arguing the matter, as to the urgency of it. The urgency arises in this manner, that the Government have to be appraised of the importance of the question immediately so that they may take proper measures to institute an enquiry. Yesterday we were told that the Government had not made up their mind as to the form of the enquiry, whether there should be a committee, and we were also told that the question was under consideration by the Government. Before they take any step, it is essential that we should express our views on the matter and in that way, I submit, it is an urgent question."